

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Special Notice Regarding Prior Related Applications

Applicant(s) and/or Inventor(s) hereby rescind any disclaimer and/or any arguments made in any prior related application. Such disclaimer(s) and/or argument(s) as well as any prior art relevant to such disclaimer(s) and/or argument(s) may need to be revisited by the Examiner.

This Amendment and Response is promptly filed to place the above-referenced case in condition for immediate allowance.

The status of the claims is as follows:

Cancelled: 1 – 38, 40 – 44, and 61 - 63;

Amended: 39, 45, 49 – 53, and 60;

Added: None; and

Currently outstanding: 39, 45 – 60.

No new matter has been added to the application.

From the outstanding Office action: the Examiner rejected the claims on a variety of grounds. However, the Examiner indicated claims 45-59 as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection set forth in the Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claimed in any intervening claims. This, Applicants have done.

Further, it was apparent to Applicants the claims 39 and 60 are also allowable as they depend upon now-allowable claim 45. Consequently, Applicants believe that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

In response to the Examiner's comments of March, 7, 2007 regarding allowable subject matter in the present application, at this time, Applicants neither agree nor disagree with the Examiner's comments as Applicants believe that the claims are patentable as they currently stand, and are the best recitation of the scope of allowable protection.

Any statement made herein with respect to any disclosure in any reference (cited or otherwise) represents the present opinions of the undersigned attorney. In the event that the Examiner disagrees with any of such opinions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference(s) providing the basis for a contrary view.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone or other conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the present application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

With the above-referenced changes, it is believed that the application is in a condition for allowance; and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the application on to

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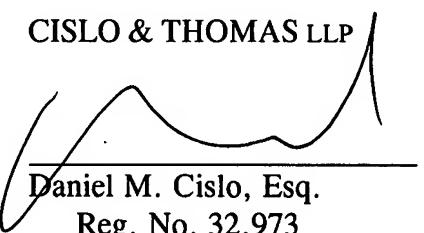
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allowance. It is not believed that any additional fees are due; however, in the event any additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicants' Attorney's Deposit Account No. 03-2030.

Respectfully submitted,

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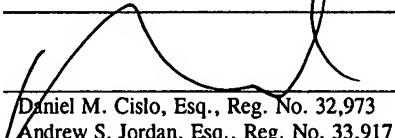
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